

## Confronting the Burden of Injuries - JHSPH OpenCourseWare

### Self-Study Survey 6

Reading: [Ghaffar A, et al. Injuries in Pakistan: directions for future health policy. Health Policy Plan 1999;14:11-17](#)

1. Identify the data source for mortality.
2. Comment on figure one. Please critique the presentation of data.
3. Which intentional and unintentional injuries are covered in this article?
4. Do you agree with the policy recommendations? Why or why not?
5. If given the opportunity of doing one study after viewing this paper, what would be the area of study?

### Answer Key

1. Public data, Ministry of Health data, demographic surveys and health surveys, police records, hospital records, published and unpublished literature, the newspaper.
2. The two curves are parallel, trends in homicide rates are matched by changes in assaults, suggesting a common underlying social cause. There is little comparison of these rates from other countries. There is also no comment on what events might have led to the sudden increase in homicide/assault in 1988-89. Explanation of time trends would have been useful.
3. Intentional: Homicides, assaults. Unintentional: Motor vehicle crashes, industrial injuries, burns, and poisoning.
4. No fixed answer
5. No fixed answer

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